

From: BTM
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:15 AM
Subject: You should be assamed of yourself

When communication companies own entire markets they will have monopolies on advertising in those markets.

You should be ashamed of yourselves.

From: Matt Proehl
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:27 AM
Subject: Thank you

Thank you for being among the few human beings on the fcc board and looking out for the American public. Please don't give up fighting this most recent injustice against Americans....Your final statement was great and insightful...the FCC needs more transparency and good people like you....

From: Maureen Wojtczak
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:41 AM
Subject: Thank-you

Thank you for speaking for the american people during the FCC hearings on media rule changes. You demonstrated the true meaning of serving your country "for the people" and not for a party's dogma or partisanship or for corporate interests. You serve the commission well. Please keep speaking up so eloquently with conviction of spirit and continue to demonstrate your "profile in courage" for america's freedom of speech. You weren't talking to hear yourself (as too many politicians and appointed leaders do these days), but rather you were trying to appeal to reason and justice among your listeners, and people can tell these things. You spoke from your heart and with great concern and it showed. History has shown that some of the wisest people shared words that were not popular with the establishment-good! We need that right now. Not enough leaders are doing that.

I hope that the government listens to the people. Once again, thank-you for being a true servant for us. your actions have restored faith that there for our country to be "by the people" and "for the people" rather than "by the corporations" and "for the corporations".

Sincerely,
Maureen Wojtczak
A private citizen and a registered republican

From: Lloyd F. Ryan, Jr.
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:44 AM
Subject: Re. A thoroughly corrupt vote in contravention of the law! (Thankyou for your message concerning me

I have continued my interest and I have asked for a legislative reversal of your baseless and unpatriotic choice contrary to the requirements of the Communications Act!.

Michael Copps wrote:

>Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know
>that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you
>will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and
>thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important
>not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from
>the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our
>country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with
>your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks
>for getting in touch.

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From: cmaurer
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:07 AM
Subject: Thank you

.. for your struggle in the fight against the new FCC regulations, and for your eloquent, well-reasoned opposition. I hope the Congress reverses this unfortunate decision. Your words at today's hearing gave some grounds for hope.

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From: Jill Jordan
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:09 AM
Subject: thanks for you effort - what can we do?

I am stuck living on this planet and so is my 1-year old son... what are my options? is there any undoing deregulation?

Jill Heryford
PS I sent mean letters to the bozos.
Do they know how to read?

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Jill Heryford
geek on the loose

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From: Chuck Sivertsen
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:26 AM
Subject: Fwd: FCC decision & your TV appearances on Charlie Rose & ABC's "This Week."

Saw you on Bill Moyers' show...thankyou for your efforts...please don't give up. -C.S.

>From: "Chuck Sivertsen" <chucksivertsen@hotmail.com>
>To: mpowell@fcc.gov
>CC: ChuckSivertsen@hotmail.com
>Subject: FCC decision & your TV appearances on Charlie Rose & ABC's "This Week."
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 01:26:59 -0400
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>Mr. Chairman:
>I've been a broadcaster for more than 30 years ('been paid for it for 30),
>21 with ABC News, radio
>
>I've worked in small, medium and large markets, a variety of jobs.
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>I'm confused not only about your agency's decision, and about things you
>said and didn't say on recent TV appearances.
>
>Your dismissal of "anecdotes" about radio consolidation is troubling and
>insulting. Your agency's decisions affect both people working in the
>industry and listeners, and our livelihoods, which pay your salary.
>Protecting the public interest of our publicly-owned radio spectrum is your
>job.
>
>The purpose here is not to annoy or insult YOU. But I am annoyed and
>insulted to be told that, for instance, a company that owns a major movie
>studio, a small "independent" studio, provides internet access, owns
>websites, video stores, TV and radio networks, TV and radio stations, cable
>channels, billboards, TV syndication rights and TV production companies
>needs help making sure it stays profitable.
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>You, Mr. Powell, would be annoyed if the rules changes over the years led
>to a highly successful, profitable, AM radio station, WSTC in Stamford,
>Conn., and it's marginally successful FM, WKHL, to be bought by a
>partnership, much of the veteran staff fired, local studios closed, studios
>opened 10 miles and two towns away, and when there's a major fire in an
>apartment complex right by interstate 95, visible to thousands of motorists
>in the middle of morning drive-time, there's no mention of it on the news.
>-And, no longer any newsroom number to dial to tell them about it...just a
>main station number and voicemail.
>
>Maybe, you, Mr. Powell, would be annoyed if you knew any of the people
>working in the industry you regulate who have lost jobs, or listeners who
>have lost radio stations, formats, local news and programming. Maybe the
>world is different inside the Beltway. Outside, the ownership of WARM Radio
>in Scranton, PA changed several times over the past 15 years, staffers
>fired, formats changed, audiences driven away, until during a recent
>rebuilding process, the owners decided to "get the station ready for sale"
>by firing the entire staff, not only right before Christmas, but right

>after the start of an annual holiday charity fund drive.
>
>Annoying? Ithaca, New York used to be a vibrant small market with competing
>radio stations. Now, it's possible and...the reality...for one owner to
>have most of them...with nearly no local programming or news.
>
>A friend of mine is working for KTRH Radio in Houston, but the owner, Clear
>Channel, requires her to do local news for WOAI in San Antonio as well
>during her shift ..except. ..she's in Houston...not San Antonio.
>
>Every person in this industry has these "anecdotes."
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>The radio industry is doing away with even minimum wage jobs that provided
>the start that eventually got me to ABC. Perhaps you could have informed us
>where new talent is going to come from, where it can start, if those jobs
>are replaced by network syndication and automation...or just eliminated.
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>Apparently, it's no longer enough to let unsuccessful station owners sell
>their properties to others...we must have government reduce competition and
>require nothing of broadcasters to justify their holding licenses in
>perpetuity, regulated by an agency paid by me and other taxpayers. I am in
>essense paying for the privilege of big companies reducing choices and
>jobs in my industry.
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>You say this will not happen in TV. Why not? You give no reason except
>vague talk about the interests of media owners. Have they told you they
>won't do what they've done to radio? What evidence is there? During two
>national TV appearances you did not say. You say the rules are old and
>outdated.
>But you did did not have one example...of harm.
>
>You say radio was dying before deregulation of the '90's. My colleagues and
>I in the industry know this to be not true. Maybe you misspoke Did you ask
>any of us? Who was the last local salesperson, local news reporter, local
>talk show host or programmer...or community leader...civic leader...you
>spoke to? Did you speak to any in, say, Scranton, Tampa, Stamford, Austin,
>Minot or Fresno?
>
>Can you name ONE town that has a better radio station, employing more
>people, with more local news, better local news, and more local programming
>today than ten years ago? -A local TV station?
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>You say the Big Five media companies control maybe 20 per cent of the TV
>channels in the U.S. Two out of ten? One out of every five? One out of
>every five stations in America are unavailable to anyone else? And there is
>no standard other than airing obscenities in determining their fitness to
>hang onto licenses forever?
>
>Mr. Powell, you could have chosen to dismiss anecdotes with some, or at
>least, one...of your own.
>You didn't even have an example of how a big media company is a victim. You
>had not one example of how years of deregulation has HELPED the industry
>at all. Had you asked any of us IN it who are not millionaires, just
>working stiffs, happy in our jobs, loving the mediums of radio & TV,
>alarmed and demoralized by the now long term direction of the business, you
>would have gotten some information about the effects of FCC decisions and

>Congressional actions.

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>Thankyou for reading this. I respect you and wish you well. I have no
>respect for your decision, or for your pathetic attempts to explain it. You
>and your colleagues in government...work for us.

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>Sincerely, Chuck Sivertsen.

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From: Ramona Tung
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 2:09 AM
Subject: recent FCC ruling

I'm disappointed with the recent FCC ruling allowing further media consolidation

The fewer opinions we get, the more our democracy is at stake.

Our democracy is at stake when we get only limited news - and the FCC's recent ruling

does limit our news.

Please reconsider the FCC ruling allowing further media consolidation.

-Ramona

From: Dave Zunkel
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 2:21 AM
Subject: Thank You

May 22, 2003

Commissioner Adelstein and Commissioner Copps,

You guys must be tired.

Yes, I am dismayed at the outcome of the FCC ruling and I am gravely concerned as to how it will affect our democracy, our free speech and the dissemination of ideas, Truth and information. This defeat for the people is definitely a great victory for the corporate powers involved in the hostile take-over of the government.

Yes, In the months leading up to this vote, I searched the media for *information on this de-regulation issue: some discussion in the public spectrum*, and, unsurprisingly, from a media that stood to gain, I heard virtually nothing. Television, the information wasteland that it is and the main conduit of information to most of the country, had nothing save my local PBS station. The radio, had virtually nothing, save my local NPR station which interviewed, but did not challenge Chairman Powell. There were a handful of articles in various newspapers that spoke to the issue, but usually far from the front page and smaller in scope than this topic deserved. Sadly, the only good source was my local Pacifica free speech radio station: it being the only repeated and in-depth media coverage available.

Yet, you have heard this repeatedly. To be sure, I am not writing this to wag my finger or vent my frustration and anger at you (and I fear that you will get several of those letters). Rather, I am writing to THANK YOU for your vigilance and steadfastness in combating this "coup". I am aware of how, with a limited budget, you both went on the road to bring visibility to the issue of de-regulation and to present all the information that you could to the American people. I am grateful to both of you for voicing your concerns and opposition and your, dare I say, activism in attempting to bring the issue into the light of public discourse. I am also grateful to you for not just hearing but listening: something that is becoming a lesser-used practice when coming from a non-corporate source.

It's strange, we give medals to men who fight, bleed, kill and die for our country, so that we may live in liberty and peace, yet there is nothing for the other protectors of Democracy, such as yourself, who fight, in the face of defeat, for the good of all Americans. True, you did not face death in your efforts, and to the best of my knowledge, you did not suffer an ordeal during your fight (save, probably, long hours, much debate, little sleep and, possibly, your own haunting concerns). Regardless, you are both Heroes (with a capital "H"). In a time with growing public suspicion towards the government's (specifically, the current administration's) clamp down on rights, welfare, free speech and the like, YOU renew my faith in and give me

hope for a government on the side of the people; for a government on my side.

I realize this is not the end and that we have simply turned a corner. As always, with the ebb and flow of American politics, this fight is not over. But, for all you've done so far, THANK YOU for your heroic efforts and a good fight.

Sincerely,
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From: WDAAdams62@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:15 AM
Subject: BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES

The Honorable Kathleen O. Abernathy, Commissioner

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

William D Adams
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From: pagoo3@webtv.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:18 AM
Subject: FCC Voting Statements

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

As I am sure you are aware, C-SPAN has been re-airing your comments at the FCC vote yesterday, June 2nd. Your comments were erudite and insightful. I wish to commend and thank you for all the time and effort you personally have invested in this cause.

I see you were affiliated with our Senator Reid, who is no slouch himself, but cannot hold a candle to your own research, perspective and well-wrought words.

Is it possible that at some later date, after the dust settles and you perhaps have a break or vacation from this ordeal, you might post your entire remarks so we can reflect upon them? Might you also make them available in text format for those of us who use WebTV (MSNTV) which, though popular, cannot access or read PDF files.

Thank you once again for your considerable efforts for the public (consumers) and your unending toil to keep democracy alive in our country. I do so hope others heard your words and listened very carefully for they are the ones for whom you fought. You have my deepest regard as you are an excellent and good person, as well as intelligent. That I have not said often in my life.

Take care of yourself. We do appreciate you very much.

Sincerely,
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From: Peter Merlin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:20 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

I just wanted to personally thank you for helping set up further a facist government working it's way to a dictatorship. Having lived outside the United States for several years I must tell you - was the only time I got TRUTHFUL information of the goings on of the United States.

Everyone of you should hang your head in absolute shame. What you legalized is the right to play monopoly and present propaganda - but you probably already knew that, as you're probably being paid privately by our current joke of a government to do this very action.

NOT FUNNY and you have once again robbed the American people!

Peter F Merlin

From: Michael Furlan
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:58 PM
Subject: Thank You Commissioner Copps!!

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Thank you for standing up for the American public on the issues concerning media ownership. You truly have my admiration and gratitude. If there's anything that I can do to help this cause, please let me know.

Michael Furlan

From: EnidRtiger@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:32 PM
Subject: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU SPECIAL FOLKS DID...

re that disasterous vote!

We Winter Patriots appreciate your efforts to try to do a "holding action" against the Juggernaut.

Many of us are in complete despair over the insidious, well-planned, gradual erosion of the liberties we have benefitted from, for so long.

This 80 year old will not numb her mind with media fare that is likely to be foisted on us, increasingly. There are books, tapes, CDs, and citizens who think for themselves to explore...

May Your Tribe Increase! We "underpups" need you.

Enid R. Williams, R.N., Ed.D.

From: Dick Barker
To: KM KJMWEB
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:00 PM
Subject: What Now?

Dear Sirs:

What can we do now? The FCC has made a bad decision and we seem helpless to challenge the great power controllers in the media. We are ready to do what you suggest. We must stop the downward trends we are seeing.

Sincerely,

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CC: Michael Copps

From: mmnece@juno.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:51 PM
Subject: Re: FCC deregulation

Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein:

I hope there will still be some way to change the way this has gone.
I know you tried, and I appreciate it!

Melissa M Nece, Palm Harbor, Florida

From: mmnece@juno.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:51 PM
Subject: Re. FCC deregulation

Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Melissa M Nece, Palm Harbor, Florida

From: Jo Mackiewicz
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:01 PM
Subject: Thanks for Trying

Dear Commissioners Copps and Adelstein:

Thank you for your June 2nd votes against further deregulation of media ownership. Thank you also for speaking out so eloquently against the final vote.

I believe, as you both said so clearly yesterday, that this decision puts the interests of corporations above those of the American public. I think it's a shame.

I wanted to let you know that I have a good thought for you both.

Sincerely,
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From: HollywdBlonde@webtv.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 6:46 PM
Subject: Re: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

To: Michael Copps, FCC

Fr: Renee Aubry, Member of
Screen Actors Guild,
American Federation Radio & Television Artists
Actors Equity Association
American Guild of Variety Artists
ASCAP Writer

Thank you, Mr. Copps, for standing on the side
of the people in this battle against Media Monopolies.

With respect to the FCC's Vote to Deregulate Media Ownership... were
there any news reporters allowed to report besides Bill Moyers, on PBS?
Only two months ago, by accident, I caught Moyers', bless his saintly
heart, NOW.

This takeover, consolidation, of the entire communications industry must
have been going on for some time. For obvious reasons, Owners have kept
it as 'unreported' as possible.

Apparently, the only two, independent moguls, opposing this travesty are
Ted Turner and Barry Diller. As for the rest of the Owners... power and
greed have no shame!

Since the FCC has voted to allow this can the decision be over-turned?
I've heard there may be enough votes in Congress to stop this from going
forward? Is Senator McCain speaking against it?

In the meantime, are these Media Owners now allowed to buy up more
networks? Or, can they be restrained?

Is there an appeals process? What's next?

From: Guy Smiley
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 5:29 PM
Subject: from a u.s. citizen.

re: easing the rules

i don't want my television to act as a blindfold.

what you've done will lead to that. i am going to tell
as many people as i can. thank you to the two of you
that voted against it.

to those of you who voted yes, what were you thinking?
we're not faceless units. we're people. people with
lives. and people who may be too busy to seek out
alternative media once we see 5 guys reading the same
script for tonights news.

(i'd love answers to these questions)

do you honestly believe this is in our (the citizenry)
best interest?

if not, who's best interest are you looking out for?

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Ben Says. .

"if i had three wishes, i'd use them all wishing you would go away."

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CC: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy

From: HJackson
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 4:44 AM
Subject: THANKS!

Gentlemen,

I watched C-Span's televised report on the commission proceedings on Monday. Your reasons for your votes against the move to abolish ownership rules are well founded. Your presentations, if presented in a court of law, would have convinced any jury to decide in your favor. Thanks for your valiant efforts.

The ruling majority commission member's vote further demonstrates to the electorate the corrupting influence of Corporate America on our government. The constitutional edict, "Government of the people, for the people and by the people" has been replaced by, "Government by corporations, for corporations and by corporations."

A very dangerous right-wing agenda has been formulated and implemented in the past six years and Monday's FCC ruling will be used to further that agenda. The power to sway public opinion is often alluded to but most times glossed over or downplayed in the media but, if you would take time to listen to any of the clear channel radio broadcasts, you will hear all of the right-wing "spin meisters" at their very best with no opposing view points. Seldom will you ever hear telephone callers with opposing view points ever aired. We need the "equal time" provision re-enacted.

Today's ruling could be considered the final act in the ploy of the right-wing agenda to "rule the air ways".

Again thanks for your efforts and please keep up the fight,

Henry Jackson
Santa Maria, CA 93454

From: DrAlanLipman@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 6:58 AM
Subject: (no subject)

Saw your testimony on Cspan Tuesday AM. Easily one of the more impressive statements that I have seen--clear, compelling and providing a broad and detailed confirmation of the concerns that are being expressed across the nation.

This consolidation is frightening given the extent to which we rely on our media to know what our Government is doing. The idea put forward that these changes will enhance free speech, is not, shall we say, fair and balanced.

What can we do? How can we help?

From: Josh
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7:03 AM
Subject: The FCC's 6/02/03 Ruling

I am extremely concerned with the ruling that your organization passed Yesterday. I have heard on the news that, since the plan to further deregulate the media came to the attention of the public, there was an unprecedented outcry against the plan. I understand that the American people used their first amendment rights in unprecedented numbers to send a message to the FCC that We the People do not want this change to rules we find sane and in our best interest. Please listen to us (and the members of the House and Senate) this time and reverse this ruling.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Joshua Bryant

From: preston_e_johnson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7:23 AM
Subject: SHAME

Commissioner Copps:

The FCC should reconsider it's appalling decision to reduce ownership restrictions. The airwaves are a public asset that the FCC is allowing to be dominated by an oligopy. Chairman Powell's claims on the PBS Newshour in defense of the action were either spurious and deceitful. The claim that at one point there were only 3 networks seems to ignore that even the smallest cities had two and three newspapers and independent radio stations at that time. His attempt on the show to co-opt the thousands of letters from citizens opposed to this was disgraceful- we do not accept Chairman Powell's claim that he is similarly concerned with the effects of the media concentration- this action is not a compromise, it is theft.

This decision is bad for democracy. Please change it.

Preston Johnson
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From: Kenneth A. Long
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7:26 AM
Subject: Thanks

Thanks for your courageous resistance to Powell's Folly. United we can still win.
Ken Long

From: DLathen132@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:31 AM
Subject: Thank you

Dear Commissioner Copps:

Thank you so much for your awesome efforts in bringing light to the importance of media ownership. Thank you for your tireless efforts in battling preserve the airways for the American Public. When I left the agency I had feared that major consolidation was inevitable and would happen would little notice. I now believe that due to you and Commissioner Adelstein and your staffers efforts this may not be a fait accompli, the ultimate objective of having an environment rich wit the voices of many diverse people, the hallmark of our democracy may someday come to fruition.

Thank you. You have demonstrated the best in being a public servant.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lathen

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CC: Jordan Goldstein

From: J. Rush
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:58 AM
Subject: what country is this?

Aren't monopoly's illegal? I don't know much about politics and government but I do know when to get scared and the FCC has me scared. I hope your ruling is overturned and none of you make the side money your planning on making from hooking up the few media conglomerates that your all in bed with.

J.
Palm Beach FL

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB